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Fort Stewart and Hunter AAF Hearing Conservation Policy Brief

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1. Hearing loss from noise exposure is the most common health problem at Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield.

2. Good hearing is a combat multiplier. Being able to communicate effectively on the battlefield can make the difference between survival and defeat.

3. Combat the threat of noise-induced hearing loss by ensuring you always have your hearing protectors with you and remember to use them. Ensure soldiers report for annual hearing testing to monitor hearing.

4. Remember that hearing loss from noise is

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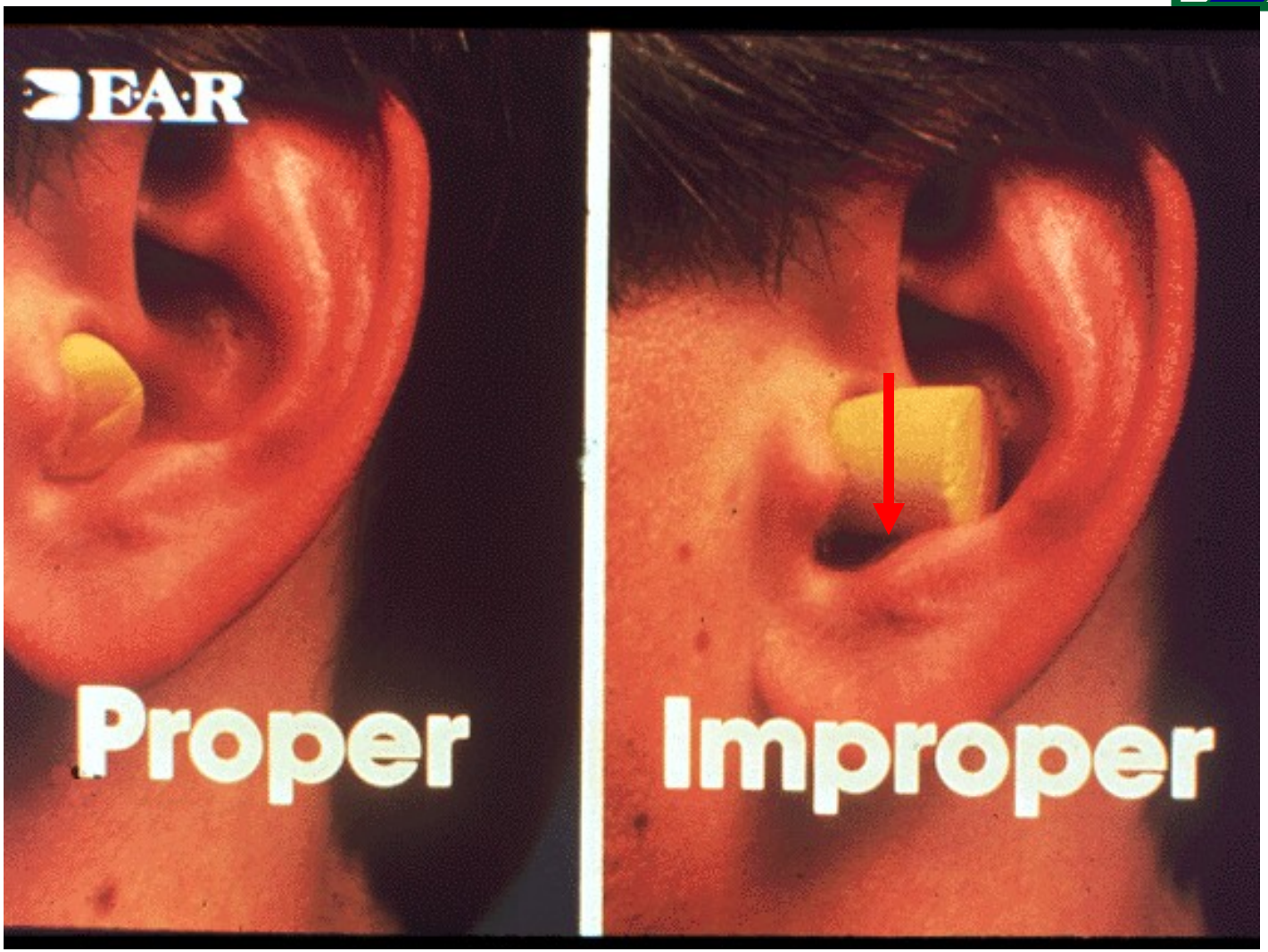

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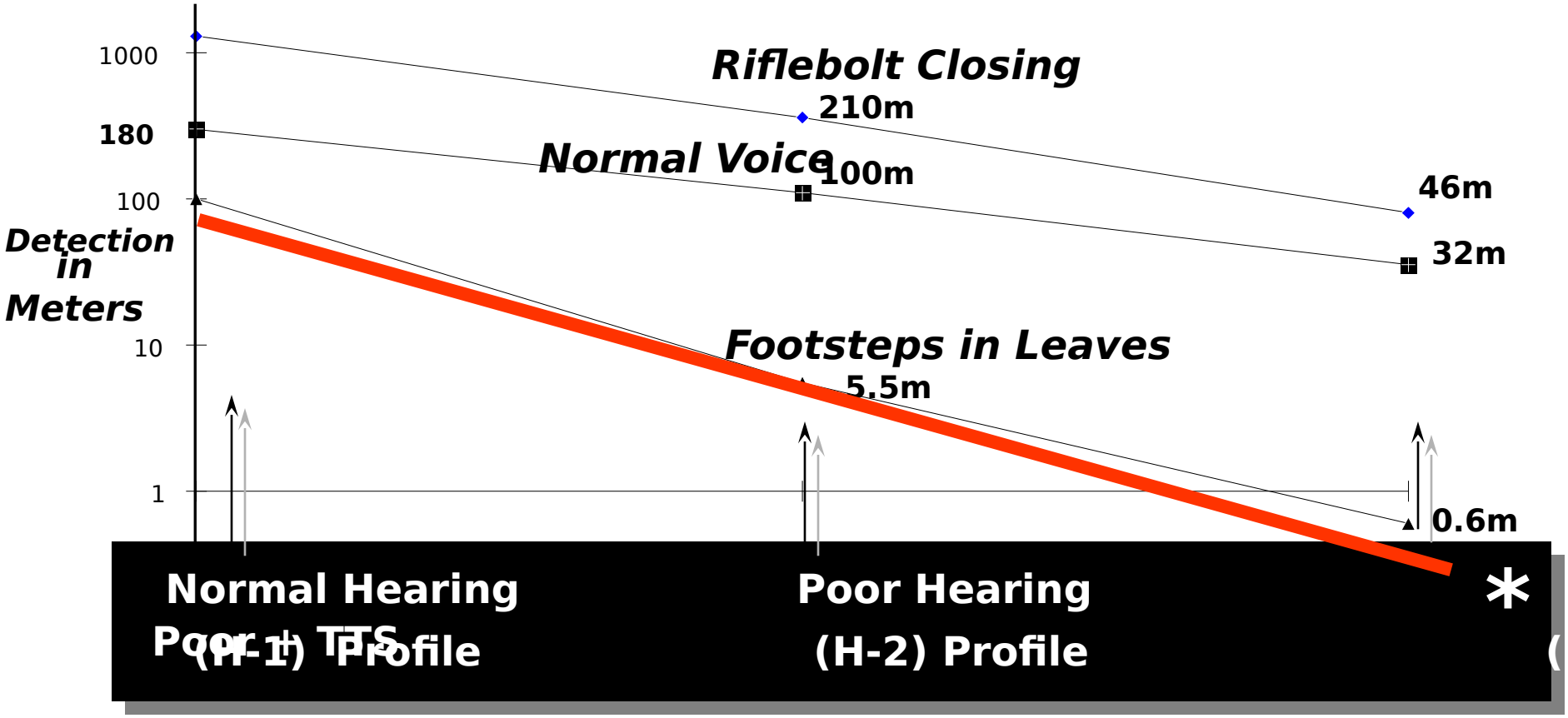
How many soldiers in your Command / Unit have
loss in the H2 or H3 Profile range? Annual hearin
Conservation testing can provide you with this an

What is the distance to detection of the sounds of
on leaves if:

A. Normal Hearing?
B. H-2 Hearing Loss?
C. H-3 Hearing Loss?

Detection of Sound
by
Hearing Ability



Detection distance decreases rapidly as hearing loss increa

Price et al. '89

* *TTS - Temporary Threshold Sh*

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A. Normal Hearing? 100 Mete
B. H-2 Hearing Loss? 5.5 Mete
C. H-3 Hearing Loss? .6 Mete

Prevalence of Hearing Loss in Today's Army is:

	1974	1994
Overall	35.6	11.3
Armor	33.8	10.5
Infantry	33.8	12
Artillery	39.3	10.7